

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
ICG TELECOM GROUP, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-108

On May 28, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from ICG Telecom Group, Inc. (ICG).

ICG proposes to provide resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services, including direct dialed ("1+") outbound/inbound message telecommunications services, operator services and postpaid calling card services, to and from all points within the state of South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by ICG. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On May 28, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 12, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled September 23, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered ICG's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that ICG has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ICG has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves ICG's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that ICG's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that ICG shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of October, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Helaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>10/9/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner